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Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System unveils design for new Fisher House

NEW ORLEANS – Louisiana Governor John Bel Edwards was the keynote speaker Thursday as the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System unveiled the design of the new Fisher House to be built at the Veterans medical center in New Orleans.

The Fisher House will serve the families of inpatients at the Veterans medical center, offering them lodging at no cost. The houses are designed to mirror the comforts of home.

“Offering comfort to Veterans and their families is a responsibility and a privilege we all share,” said Edwards. “This Veterans medical center provides much-needed, well-deserved care for Veterans, and the Fisher House will help ease the burden on their families during times of hardship. We owe them no less.”

Fernando Rivera, Director of the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, explained the benefits of having a Fisher House on the hospital grounds. “It relieves the burden and expense on our nation’s heroes so that their families can remain a part of their treatment.”

The Fisher House in New Orleans will be built using charitable donations raised by the Fisher House Foundation and the Friends of the Fisher House of Southern Louisiana. Brian Hennessy, Board President of the Friends of the Fisher House of Southern Louisiana, added that “with close to 300,000 Veterans in our state, our need for a Fisher House is great, and it is increasing.”

Since 1991, Fisher Houses have helped more than 368,000 families stay close to their loved ones while they received hospital care. There are currently 82 Fisher Houses in the U.S. and on military bases overseas.

Construction of the Fisher house in New Orleans is expected to begin in late 2019. When completed, it will feature up to 16 family suites and 24-hour staffing.

For more information about the new Veterans medical center, clinic locations and other services available to Veterans in southeast Louisiana, visit the website www.neworleans.va.gov, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, keyword: VANewOrleans.

For more on the Friends of the Fisher House of Southern Louisiana, visit fisherhouselouisiana.org.

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